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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/187,358
Filing Date	November 6, 1998
First Named Inventor	Dieter Mauer
Group Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	T. Brahan
Attorney Docket Number	GER-5196

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted  
 i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 6, 2001  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. ☐ Enclosed  
 i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  
 b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
 Deposit Account No. 02-2550  
 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
 ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
 iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
 c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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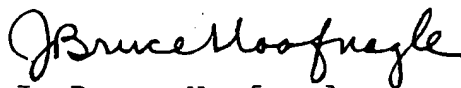
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ATTENTION: Examiner T. Brahan

As we discussed, faxed herewith is the replacement RCE form, to replace the form which was filed earlier today (6/26/01) in Technical Center 3600.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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